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SUBJECT: MBFR: CHAIRMAN' S REPORT FOR WEEK MARCH 18-24, 1973

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE CHAIRMAN' S REPORT (TULUMEN OF
TURKEY) FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 18-24 WHICH WAS EXAMINED BY THE
AD HOC GROUP ON MARCH 23. PLEASE PASS TO TURKISH PERMREP FOR
TRANSMISSION TO SECRETARY GENERAL.

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE USUAL PRACTICE OF THE AD HOC GROUP, THE
FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED AS THE CHAIRMAN' S OWN ACCOUNT
OF THE WEEK' S PROCEEDINGS.

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2. THROUGHOUT THE PAST WEEK THE DOMINANT THEME IN THE GROUP'S DISCUSSIONS CONTINUED TO BE THE CENTRAL ISSUE OF HUNGARIAN STATUS. TWO

FURTHER MEETINGS TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THE ALLIED EMISSARIES AND THE SOVIET

AND HUNGARIAN REPRESENTATIVES IN A CONTINUATION OF THE PROBING OPERATION. ON ALL OCCASIONS THE NATO COUNTRIES CONCERTED THEIR VIEWS THUS ENABLING THE NETHERLANDS AND UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES TO PUT FORWARD AGREED

POSITIONS ON HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION.

3. BOTH SESSIONS AGAIN PROVED INCONCLUSIVE. FEW NEW DEVELOPMENTS EMERGED DURING THE EXPLORATORY PROBES AND NO SIGNIFICANT SHIFT WAS NOTED

IN WARSAW PACT POSITIONS. DURING DISCUSSION ON THE DIFFERENT CONCEPTS REGARDING HUNGARIAN STATUS, THE EAST EMPHASIZED THE CONCEPT OF ENLARGEMENT AND INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO CONTEMPLATE UNILATERAL STATEMENTS ON THE HUNGARIAN ISSUE. HOWEVER, THESE CONCEPTS WERE NOT PROBED IN DEPTH. IT WAS GENERALLY BELIEVED AT THE END OF THE WEEK THAT THE EASTERN COUNTRIES WERE AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS, WHICH WOULD ACCOUNT FOR THE FACT THAT THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE WISHED TO LEAVE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OPEN UNTIL THE EARLY DAYS OF THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

4. THE CONCEPT OF ENLARGEMENT AS PUT FORWARD BY THE EASTERN REPRESENT

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ATIVES TAKES AS A BASIS ELEVEN DIRECT AND EIGHT CONSULTATIVE PARTICIPANTS, AND PROVIDES AN OPTION FOR OTHER STATES TO JOIN IN THE GROUP OF ELEVEN.

5. ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES PUT FORWARD VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES OF PHRASING STATEMENTS WHICH WOULD PUT THE HUNGARIAN ISSUE IN ABEYANCE. NONE HAS PROVEN ACCEPTABLE SO FAR.

6. DURING THE PAST WEEK VARIOUS BILATERAL CONTACTS TOOK PLACE BUT WITHOUT MAJOR CHANGES OF POSITION. IN THESE CONTACTS FURTHER REFERENCE

TO THE PREPARATION OF AN AGENDA WAS MADE BY WARSAW PACT DELEGATES A NUMBER OF WHOM INDICATED THAT
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THIS MIGHT BE A LENGTHY OPERATION. DURING THIS WEEK' S
PROBES SOME PROCEDURAL POINTS WERE ALSO RAISED BY THE SOVIETS SUCH
AS ROTATING THE CHAIRMANSHIP AMONG ALL PARTICIPANTSS. MOWINCKEL

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